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German Super Spy Trial

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The West German Supreme Court opens one of the biggest spy trials in the history of the Atlantic alliance today.

Heinz Felfe, 45, a senior official in West German intelligence, is accused of being on the Soviet payroll for 10 years. He allegedly photographed hundreds of secret West German and Allied documents for Soviet intelligence and betrayed numerous Western agents to arrest and possible death.

Hans Clemens, 61, another West German intelligence official alleged to have been Felfe's confederate, and Erwin Tiebel, 60, a Cologne lawyer and alleged courier between Felfe and the Soviets, also are charged with high treason.

Felfe was arrested in November, 1961, after he displayed too detailed a knowledge of the espionage activities of convicted Soviet spy Peter Fuhrmann, 48, informed sources said.

A war time lieutenant in Nazi intelligence, Felfe rose in the West German intelligence apparatus of Gen. Reinhard Gehlen, which worked under the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) until joining the official West German Intelligence Service in the mid-1950s.

The Soviets originally used their Nazi pasts to blackmail Felfe and Clemens into treason, sources said, but Felfe also reportedly received at least \$50,000 from the Soviet Union for his espionage services.

As a top-ranking official in the Gehlen organization and later West German intelligence, Felfe roamed freely through the Munich headquarters, allegedly snapping pictures with a tiny camera.

Felfe and Clemens are accused of regularly sending secret data to the Soviets by clandestine radio and courier for at least 10 years.

The trial is expected to last about two years. The three defendants face penalties of 15 years of hard labor for